



◆ The Five Elements or Five Wise Virgins

People are influenced by the organized religious paradigm far more than would seem apparent at first blush.

The accepted understanding of the various scriptures filters into the political, economic, social, scientific, educational and medical worldviews very subtly but similar to the ways Supreme Court interpretations of the constitution effect all facets of life.

In 1954 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that "separate but equal" education violated the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause. That decision reverberated into all facets of race discrimination and later into gender discrimination.

In its effect on society, the interpretation of the High Court - based on its various members' understanding - is as powerful as the Constitution itself.

In a very real (and often scary) sense, the Constitution says whatever five of the Supremes say it says.

The Bible, Quran and other scriptures are like constitutions for the people who adhere to the faiths connected with those books. And in an applied way, the understanding and interpretations of the various rabbis, priests, reverends and imams determines the paradigm for the people who believe in those books.

Often the wording of the scripture or constitution diametrically opposes the interpretation given by judges, clergymen and religious scholars.

The First Amendment to the Constitution expressly prohibits the government from barring people from taking the government to court. It says that "the right of the people to petition their government for redress of grievances shall not be abridged." Yet, in the face of such unambiguous right, Congress passed, Clinton signed and courts upheld such unconstitutional acts as the AEDPA 1 which bars certain classes of people from seeking a writ of habeas corpus.

The Quran tells people not to pray real loud and not to pray completely silently, but to "seek

a middle place between." Yet owing to myopic scholars, jurists and "imams," Muslims make two of their five salaats prayers (Dhur and 'Asr) utterly silently. That is a blatant violation of an injunction they claim to believe came directly from Allah.

An incorrectly understood scriptural passage creates a skewed attitude, worldview, mood, mass emotional state and corrupted paradigm that, unless re-interpreted, gives the illusion of divine approval for a host of atrocities.

1 AEDPA stands for the Anti-terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act. It is one of the worst acts ever passed in America and takes America perilously near to a police state. Its impact spreads far wider than any "terrorism". It demolishes habeas corpus and places innumerable limitations on every kind of petition for relief from an improper act of government. The industrial nations' utter devastation of the planet can be traced to the following biblical passage: "Be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it." 2

It is a shame that some of the most beautiful writing ever has been so degraded by people's absurd interpretations of things they couldn't even begin to understand.

"The earth" that was to be subdued was never the planet. The ancient masters sometimes used "earth" as a code word for human flesh. That school of mystics believed that the "lower self" and the body appetites had to be conquered.

While I understand their thought, I do not agree with them or their mystic school. The lovely energy of the physical body - which isn't available on any "higher" plane of existences, as far as my explorations have so far shown - can propel a person to higher and higher states when the proper alchemical techniques are known and employed.

Slavery & America's "righteousness"

Slavery in America is again rearing its ugly head under the guise of the criminal justice system. The proponents of new slavery - like their former incarnations - are wrapped tightly in holier-than-thou self-righteousness. In former days they deceived themselves into believing that they were enslaving people "to bring those savages to Jesus." Modern slave masters (wardens, attorneys general, politicians) say their aim is to a) rehabilitate criminals, b) protect society from "savage assaults" or c) to punish offenders with a good Christian whipping. 3

In both incarnations the sole motive is the same: monetary profit by any means necessary.

The general public can acquiesce and enable their own deception in this matter, but the Prison Industrial Complex is nothing but 21st Century slavery and all arguments to the

contrary sum up to sad echoes of the pro-slavery justifications of the past.

"But," a gentle reader may ask, "don't prisons at least protect the community?"

Prisons actually place the community at greater risk and the criminal justice carpetbaggers know this well.

Police and prisons don't deter crime, other criminals do.

Not very long ago the underworld was controlled by the Mafia. Those old Mustache Pete's had certain standards, zones of authority and "rules of engagement."

Drugs weren't allowed to be sold to kids.

You didn't shoot women or children.

You didn't kill anyone in front of his family.

2 Genesis 1:28

3 In other words, state-sponsored S&M
You didn't "turn out" mothers.

You reinvested some of your ill-gotten gains back into the community.

You helped out the poor, the widows, the orphans and you helped a really smart kid go to college.

Atrocious crimes like rape were swiftly avenged.

Old people could come out at night and God help the young thug who harmed one.

When the Mafia started taking serious heat from Robert Kennedy's Justice Department, they sub a lot of their operations to criminals in various communities. Some of the same standards were tr
Compared to today, the streets were relatively safe and peaceful.

Then the Nixon administration launched its "War on Crime." Lesser crooks with looser values ro men who were now in prison. Zones of authority evaporated and 10 drug pushers now roamed th that only one had previously controlled.

That new 10 only emerged when the fear of one was no more.

In due course, those 10 went to prison and 100 even less "moral" crooks took their place.

We now reach the sorry state of today's inner city where young drug pushers chase your cars like German Shepherds. In their fierce competition (supply nearly overwhelms demand) they shoot children to hit a competition. Being basically cowards, they'd rather shoot a gun than risk a real fight. "Stick and move" appears to be their pusillanimous motto.

Being bereft of standards of decency, they delight in "turning out good girls," "bustin' up" old men and using small children to carry and sell their poison like boys, in the mists of time, once toted new

None of these wannabe gangsters would even be outdoors if the real tough guys weren't drying out Ossining, Lewisburg and Folsom.

Fear of the heavyweight criminals kept the featherweights far from lives of crime.

Decades ago there was a gangster in Philadelphia who used to place a can filled with drugs on the street and then leave. The junkies came up, got their drugs and left exact change inside the can. Nobody ever ripped him off.

That fellow didn't allow people to buy drugs who weren't junkies already. And when a mother told him she feared her son was experimenting with drugs, that fellow would send out word across the city that he was to give or sell that person any drugs.

And his word was bond.

I am not glorifying those old gangsters. A lot of what they did was reprehensible. However I do not glorify the cultural devastation that was wrought on the cities by the so-called War on Crime.

If you devastate the population of wolves, the squirrels and rabbits will overpopulate. Eventually the predators will become pervasive. The ecosystem will have been destroyed.

The social ecosystem of the inner cities was damaged by getting rid of the gangster wolves and now the cities are being overrun by rabbits and chickens masquerading as gangsters.

The Criminal Justice System is merely a kind of economic cannibalism propped up to give not-to-work factory and farm workers some Rooseveltian workfare to tide them over as the economy shifts from an industrial to an information base.

Prisoners today stand in the same beneath-the-gallows square footage that "no good niggers" stood in American years ago. And the hypocritical public greets them with the same frothing yet contrived hatred of Orwellian hate.

Slavery (and therefore prison slavery) never died because the primordial soup that creates it remains in the biblical paradigm in which a hung-over but vengeful Noah curses an entire people to be in pain throughout eternity. And this because they saw his naked butt passed out inside a tent.

That, at least, is the understanding of that old story. 4

Religion forms the national superego and until those scriptures are rightly understood, the nation is rushing in the wrong direction.

Bad Bible understanding extends into all of life's avenues. Psychological "therapy" is little more than Catholic confession warmed over.

Religion falsely said we were all born sinners. Therapy comes in and echoes that by saying we're born with "issues" rooted in infancy, passed on during womb time or inherited from alcoholic parents. The difference is in possession of some other aberrant behaviour.

The jargon may change but the paradigmic infrastructure is identical. Sinful flesh, messed up genes, drug and narcotic predilection - all poke out from behind the same psychic window shades.

Since we create our reality, when we believe such nonsense we automatically Xerox a universe that corroborates what we already believe.

Reinterpreting scripture, then, is one of the most important tasks before us. It is too important to be entrusted to priests, academicians or any other of the king's men. They, too often, are already caught in the web of the false paradigm's maya.

4 Check out my essay, "The Ham Syndrome" for a different take on old Ham and the boy. To begin to unlock the skeletal structure of religion we need to know a few things.

1. There were no Gideon Bibles in hotel rooms when those books were written.

2. The scriptures were never meant to "go commercial."

3. Scriptures were secret books used in secret societies.

4. Those societies spoke and wrote in code.

5. Those books, even when used by members of the secret societies, were really notes. A spiritual teacher (guru or master) was available to help with the spiritual heavy lifting.

6. The schools were mystical in nature.

7. "Events" and "objects" in scriptures stood for astrological, endocrinal, spiritual, mystical and energy processes and states.

8. The top "scholars" don't know jack.

Just as the Supremes at present lack the revolutionary experience of the Constitution's framers, the clergy lack the mystical experience that made the scriptures possible. Their "learned findings" are tantamount to a scholar of music explaining John Coltrane based upon a printout of the notes Trane wrote, but never once hearing Trane blow.

Whence came this deviation?

We could discuss Akhenaton's foul play, but so long a trip through time would only be showing of our present temporal position, at the Council of Nicae, Constantine hijacked the Nazarene movement and replaced the prophets with flunky bookkeepers (clerics/clerks).

Religion then became a tool for crowd control and to prop up decaying Roman imperialism. The cardinals and whatnot were as phony as Millie and Vanilli. They couldn't teach the scriptures if they tried to. They weren't spiritualists and had never stepped inside any of the mystery schools. They were bureaucrats.

Much scriptural understanding, however, comes from them.

The Arabs didn't fare much better. Most of the Meccan converts disbelieved in Islam. They pretended to acquiesce because Muhammad marched into Mecca with an overwhelming army.

After Muhammad's death they and their heirs seized control of Islam and used it for Arab imperialism.

They had no idea of the real meaning of the Quran.

In Islam, the people who really had knowledge and experience (the hafizes and Sufis) were persecuted and killed.

Two illegitimate movements now vie for supremacy. And we are left with what politicians and academics say is spiritual and worse, what those scriptures mean.

If the blind lead the blind they both wind up in the ditch.

Most people in the New Age remain stuck in the web of the false Christian, false Judaic or false Islamic paradigm. They may mouth Sethian platitudes, but deep down they're just as "Christian" as Jerry Falwell.

Middle East's Spiritual Function

The Mideast was a junction between several trade routes. The stories (myths) of all the world's were dropped off there. Additionally the Mideast peoples were travelling merchants. Thus they put the framework of a lot of culture's knowledge.

The Mideast collection of scripture (Bible and Quran) contains the "spiritual DNA" of just about every nation.

But the mideast people were seldom deep. They should be viewed as curators of wisdom who collected themselves, especially wise.

And when wise people appeared, they usually killed, imprisoned or exiled them.

But if you know "spiritual archeology" you can discover gems of wisdom in the Mideast collection.

There are Taoist, yogic, Egyptian, tantric and astrological pearls inside the Mideast collection.

But simply because a person collects wisdom, that alone doesn't make him wise. He might not understand the pieces within his collection.

The Tree of Life

Today we have well-known graphic designs of such things as the atom, the DNA double-helix and the solar system. Such images depict not only the things in themselves, but something of the paradigm within.

The Tree of Life was such a paradigm in the ancient world and it possesses just as much utility today.

Today we view matter as comprised of elements. The ancient world also used elements and those elements were matter, events and consciousness.

The elements of antiquity were Fire, Water, Air (Metal), Earth and Spirit (Wood). 5

These were symbolized by physical fire, etc., but they were not those actual things.

The ancient elements were really processes of energy.

Fire represented energy rising. Water represented energy sinking. Wood represented energy expanding. Metal represented energy solidifying. Earth represented stable energy.

The pentagram was a primary graphic for the five energies and it survives to this day on most Islamic (and other) flags.

It is so idiotic to say that pentagrams represent Black Magic.

In the ancient Chinese Taoist paradigm, these energies had two primary cycles: the creative Cycle and the Controlling (or Destructive) Cycle.

The Creative Cycle

Simplistically, in the creative cycle, fire burns things and they become earth. Earth solidifies and forms metal. Water is brought through metal pipes and trees (wood) grow from nutrients in water.

The Destructive Cycle

The paths of the lines of the pentagram show the Destructive Cycle. Fire destroys or purifies metal. Metal tools form or destroy wood. 6 Wood tools control earth. An earth dam controls water. Water extinguishes fire.

An element thus used can enhance itself, enhance another element or counter another element.

Please bear in mind that, in reality, energy processes are being discussed.

The Inner Smile 7 proceeds according to the Countering cycle. The Six Healing Sounds function according to the Creative Cycle.

This kind of knowledge comprised the basic vocabulary of the spiritual masters.

The 25th chapter of Matthew refers to both comographs (i.e., the Tree of Life and the Five Elements). I will assume that everyone has access to the New Testament, so I won't insert the entire chapter here. Just refer to it as we discuss its meaning.

The ten virgins of verse 1 refer to the 10 Spheres of the Tree of Life. There is an eleventh, Sphere 0, which is called Amen in Egyptian and Ain Soph Ur in the Canaanite Qaballah.

The "Bridegroom" refers to kundalini.

5 The words in parentheses provide the Taoist equivalent

6 Note that a destruction is also a creation

7 See my article, "The Tickling of the Ant."

The "five wise virgins" are Spheres 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The "foolish" ones are Spheres 6, 7, 8, 9

and 10. 8

The "oil" of verse 3 represents the endocrine secretions that result from work done on the chakras that correspond to the spheres. For example, Sphere 1 corresponds to the pineal gland.

The lamps represent the chakras.

The foolish virgins "took their lamps, and took no oil with them."

That represents people who fail to fully cultivate the lower chakras to the point that they cause the glands to secrete.

"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept."

That describes the inactive, dormant state of all the chakras before kundalini rises.

The kundalini/bridegroom came at midnight. That refers to its awakening, in the initiate, either spontaneously during sleep or in a very deep trance state. Midnight is under the auspices of Seker (Saturn) and the highest kundalini state is ruled by him. So the bridegroom's arrival at midnight indicates that the very highest conditions of kundalini had manifested. That very high state is called Shechinah in the Old Testament, Sakinah in the Quran, Shakti in yoga, Shin in Taoism and Shekem in Egyptian.

The "cry" is the sound heard by the inner hearing sense that's sometimes called the Flute of God.

"Trimming the lamps" means adjusting the chakras appropriately for entering of kundalini.

The foolish virgins request some oil from the five wise ones. That shows the tendency of undeveloped centers to draw from developed ones.

The wise virgins refuse to give up their "oil" and, instead, advise the foolish "to go to them that sell and buy" oil. What that means is that the organs of the body contain energy that, while not as refined as glandular energy, can be used to facilitate kundalini. The organs symbolize "them that sell."

Those chakras (virgins) that are cultivated ("they were made ready") "marry" kundalini.

The narrative then goes to discuss the five elements. But here they're called "five talents."

The fellow who really works with the five talents multiplies them to 10. That means that by mastering the five elements you'll eventually master the Tree of Life.

The guy who got two talents worked with his and ended up with four.

The Western system works with four elements.

8 Please see my book "The Egyptian Tree of Life" for a more full explanation of the Spheres. But that chap's two talents are not really elements as such, they're energy polarities that are the basis for the four elements.

These polarities form the thermal (hot-to-cold) and hydration (wet-to-dry) factors which then form the elements.

Elemental Air is hot and wet. Water is cold and wet. Earth is dry and cold and Fire is hot and dry.

The thermal (hot-cold) factor is symbolized by the Egyptian god Shu. The hydration factor is embodied in the Egyptian goddess Tefnut.

By working to cultivate the two talents, this fellow earned four talents, i.e., the four elements.

That, by the way, is one of the meanings of the cross.

Both fellows "entered into the joy of the Lord." Such sayings - including the Quran's "Allah's pleasure" - refer to states of joy ("Garden of Bliss") that are achieved via ecstatic trance or via the orgasmic pleasure derived from kundalini movement.

It should also be pointed out that "servant" in Matthew 25 is code for "initiate." Often, when scripture code books mention servants and slaves, the mean initiates.

Spiritual initiates act as apprentices to their guru masters. Silly "scholars" have misunderstood those precious relationships to be master-slave relationships in the mundane sense of the terms.

Even the Quranic 'Abd allah ("slave of Allah") really means "initiate of Allah." Allah, the Quran says, "is above need of his creatures." So why, in God's name, would He have slaves.

In verse 24 kundalini is metaphorized as "an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown and gathering where thou has not strawed."

Kundalini when developed, can create things and events without physical effort ("reaping where though hast not sown"). It can also attract things, seemingly magically, without apparent effort ("gathering where thou has not strawed").

One poor fellow hid his single talent in the Earth.

That represents that the particular initiate only focused on the material. So "the Lord" (kundalini) took his single talent and gave it to the guy with 10 talents, making 11 (the full Tree of Life) in all.

Earth (Malkuth) is the mirror opposite of Amen (Ain Soph Ur). So the fellow with 10 spheres now attains the topmost Sphere and achieves Samadhi.

Verse 31 refers to the kundalini (son of man) coming and sitting on his throne. That refers to the kundalini energy that's based in the root (muladhara) chakra and then rising and becoming purified (at the third Tree of Life Sphere) into Shechinah power.

There are two primary esoteric seats. One is called Yesod (seat or foundation) and refers mainly to 9th Sphere meditation. The second is called "korsy" (throne) and is the throne of power when kundalini is developed to its highest.

Five Elements and Bodily Organs

The five elements are stored within the body's organs. These can be refined and transmuted via alchemical practices such as the Taoist Fusion of the Five Elements.

Metal (air) is stored in the lungs. Fire is stored in the heart. Wood is stored in the liver. Earth is stored in the spleen and pancreas. Water resides in the kidneys.

According to Taoists, metal functions through Venus; fire through Mars; Wood through Jupiter, Earth through Saturn and water through Mercury.

Magical practices like elemental pore breathing can lead to mastery of the elements.

Sheep and Goats

Often scriptural animals connect with zodiacal principles. Any cleric worth his collar should take a course in astrology.

Sheep encode the sign Aries (the ram) and goats refer to Capricorn.

Once we have their base meanings we can delve deeper into the passage.

Capricorn is a cardinal earth sign while Aries is cardinal fire.

Aries' ruler is Mars. Mars rules the sexual function and the adrenal glands. So placing the sheep in the favored right hand position is code for the value of the sexual energy in igniting kundalini's serpentine fire. As elemental Fire represents energy rising and kundalini's goal is

to rise, the sign Aries (sheep) is an invaluable asset.

Capricorn, being an Earth sign, is used to represent those energies that are mainly materialistic and gain-seeking economically or socially.

Aries is daring while Capricorn is motivated by fear. To reach energetic mastery, one has to be someone who "dares to dare."

Since the thrust of Jesus' mission had to do with dehypnotization from the material and entry into the spiritual "kingdom of heaven," earthly influences were viewed as impediments. Thus he spoke of separating sheep from goats.

The Sun (Christ/Heru) is exalted in Aries. In other words kundalini (Christ/Sun) rises through Aries' fire. But it symbolically dies on the earthly cross of materialism.

This exaltation of the Sun in Aries is elsewhere called "uplifting Christ" and "Christ resurrected."

Matthew says that all the nations were gathered before the throne.

Nations, as such, are not under discussion. Nations are just big tribes and tribes have long been classified according to the Zodiac.

Israel's 12 tribes are actually the 12 zodiacal signs.

The "gathering" of the "nations," then, refers to unifying the functions of the 12 signs.

When I was in prison you visited me not

For most people, kundalini is locked within the base of the spine. Allegorically, it's said that it coils, as a serpent, 3 ½ times in the base of the spine.

When it is freed (raised up) it metaphorically escapes from prison. This is the master who was imprisoned in Matthew.

Feeding it "meat and drink" is just code for pranic breath particle energy (meat) and hormonal secretions (drink) to nourish it so that it can "make parole" from its coccyx prison.

Book, Wisdom and Furqaan

The Quran says that Allah sent down the Book and Wisdom. The Book (al-kitaab) is the scriptural wording itself. The Wisdom (al-hikmah) refers to the methodology, the how-to instructional techniques. The Furqaan is the revealed interpretation of what the Book really means.

Al-kitaab (the Record or Book) isn't really the scripture we generally read. It's the real scripture known among yogis as the Akashic Record. Our Bibles, Qurans, Upanishads, Books of the Dead, et al. are "stepped on," very partial interpretations based on the real Book.

The Quran says of the real book that none can touch it but the purified ones and that it is in an elevated place.

The real "clear Book" can't be corrupted. Sincere Muslims mistake the Quran for that book and claim, therefore, that the Quran has never been tampered with.

Some Christian fundamentalists actually believe that the King James Bible is the unadulterated "word of God."

No book in human hands is 100% pure.

The Quran was manhandled soon after Prophet Muhammad's death. They chopped up Surahs and stuck them wherever they fancied. A surviving Quranic verse mentions "those who tore up the Quran into shreds."

Surah 96 is actually Surah 1. Surah 1 is actually Surah 5 and its correct title is not Fatihah but al-Hamd(The Praised).

The final Surah is actually Surah 110, and its final ayat (verse) was cut and then pasted, incongruently, into the middle of ayat 3 of Surah 5 where the subject matter is food.

For over 1,400 years the successors of the early hijackers of Islam have gotten away with the hatchet job they did on the Quran.

The hijackers even sent the hafizes 9 out to be slaughtered on the battle field so they could bring of their scriptural mayhem.

Constantine knocked off the Nazarene priests who refused to endorse his "authorized version" of the Bible.

...and the band played on...

But there is a kitaab, the Mother of the Books, that can't be corrupted because it isn't on the physical Earth. It's on the higher planes. Parts of it are downloaded ("sent down") to holy women and men who give it to their students orally.

The Wisdom (hikmah) is the body of technical application of the Akashic Record's information. Such are downloaded from the second Sphere (Tehuti or Chokmah/Hikmah) of

the Tree of Life. That wisdom was very secret and only imparted by gurus, masters, real rabbis and imams.

The code-deciphering faculty is called the Furqaan It is the faculty that facilitates understanding of the Akashic Record (and the lesser scriptures derived from it). The Furqaan is a function of the third Sphere (Binah/Understanding).

We are, ourselves, comprised of the five elements and it is important for us to recognize them in scripture to gain a perspective on how the masters of old used and developed them.

In Quran the four magical elements are encoded by the term "four witnesses" and "four wives." Because energies are usually symbolized as feminine, the four elements are said to be the initiate's wives.



9 Learned people who knew the entire Quran by heart.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 25

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!'

But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'

'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or hour.'

The Parable of the Talents

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.'

The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.'

Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Sheep and the Goats.

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne' in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take

your inheritance, the kingdom prepared you for since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the internal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.

They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.